

Docket No.: 21581-00284-US
(PATENT)

7
3/1/03
RECEIVED

OCT 20 2003

TC 1700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tsutomu Yuasa, et al.

Application No.: 10/025,588

Confirmation No.: 7945

Filed: December 26, 2001

Art Unit: 1713

For: POLYCARBOXYLIC ACID COPOLYMER,
PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE
THEREOF

Examiner: Helen Lee Pezzuto

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

A copy of each reference on PTO/SB/08 is attached.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY


In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Applicants believe that no fee is associated with the filing of this paper. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21581-00284-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: October 16, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Burton A. Amernick, Reg. No. 24,852
CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP
1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036-3425
(202) 331-7111
(202) 293-6229 (Fax)
Attorney for Applicant

BEST AVAILABLE COPY